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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MEXICO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of the press release issued by the Government of Mexico on 31 December 1991 concerning the agreements reached between the Government of El Salvador and the General Command of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), through the mediation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, reflected in the "New York Act", signed at midnight on 31 December.

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Annex

PRESS RELEASE

The Government of Mexico expresses its deep satisfaction at the important agreements arrived at in the direct negotiations between the Government of El Salvador and the General Command of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), through the mediation of the, until that moment, Secretary-General of the United Nations, the distinguished Peruvian diplomat Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, who, on the last day of December, laid down his office following a brilliant 10-year course as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The New York Act, which was signed at midnight on 31 December, constitutes a solid basis for achieving the much-desired peace and reconciliation in El Salvador through dialogue and negotiation between the parties to the conflict.

For Mexico, it has been particularly satisfying to have been able to make a material contribution to that process, not only by providing facilities so that 12 of the most crucial meetings could be held in its territory, but also through the conciliation effort of the so-called "Group of Friends of the Secretary-General of the United Nations", composed, in addition to Mexico, of Colombia, Spain and Venezuela, which was undoubtedly a factor in the promotion of understanding and reconciliation between the parties to the conflict, as well as between the countries with special interests in Central America.

The agreements reached in New York are not only the final conclusion of a process of pacification in Central America but also the consolidation of an important stage of international support for the efforts of the countries directly concerned with the creation of an integrated area, in economic terms, where social justice prevails in a framework of peace and national reconciliation.

The Government of Mexico congratulates the Salvadorian people on this great step that has been made towards its definitive reconciliation and expresses its gratitude to President Alfredo Cristiani and the FMLN Command for having managed to overcome the enormous obstacles involved in negotiations of this kind.

The people and Government of Mexico express their wishes for the punctual and effective implementation of the agreements.

The Government of Mexico considers it a great honour and an expression of gratitude for the peace-oriented vocation of the Mexican people that, in the New York Act, the Government of El Salvador and FMLN have resolved that the final agreements will be signed on 16 January 1992 in Mexico City.